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February 18, 2003

Mr. Nicholas T. Ebinger
Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Illinois Republican Party, Identification No. C00005926
30-Day Post-General Report (10/17/02 - 11/26/02)

Dear Mr. Ebinger:

We are in receipt of your Request For Additional Information dated February 5, 2003, and Treasurer Syverson has asked that I respond.

Thank you for pointing out the discrepancy contained in our above-referenced Report. As you will read, there is a reasonable explanation for the variance in figures.

Line 21 (a)(i) of the Detailed Summary Page reports a figure of \$115,087.02, which represents the actual federal portion of shared federal/nonfederal operating expenditures. As you pointed out, the \$179,622.96 figure reported on the last page of the Schedule H, which should correspond to Line 21 (a)(i), is inflated by \$64,535.96. This \$64,535.96 figure represents the federal portion of three (3) expenditures for direct candidate support that were reported on the Schedule H because they were allocated, using a time and space ratio, among the Illinois Congressional candidates, and therefore, constituted several Coordinated Expenditures to each of the benefiting congressmen. These Coordinated Expenditures were properly reported on the Schedule F and corresponding Line 25 of the Detailed Summary Page.

The federal portions of these three (3) expenditures would have ideally been reported as memo entries on the Schedule H so as to avoid the artificial inflation of the federal portion of the shared expenses. Regrettably, our disclosure software does not currently support such a complex entry. We are presently working with our software provider in an attempt to remedy this deficiency, and intend to file an amended report as soon as possible. In the meantime, please accept this explanation for the variance in figures.

I understand that you have spoken with our legal counsel in connection with this matter, and have agreed to accept this letter in lieu of an amended filing until such time as our software can be made to support such a transaction. Thank you for your accommodation. If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please feel free to contact our legal counsel, Ian Linnabary, at (815) 987-4050, or me.

Sincerely,

Bradley D. Goodrich
Assistant Treasurer